SOCK SONG CONTEST AN INSPIRATION TO PATRIOTIC KNITTERS

Two Prize Winners This Week Succeeded at Their First Attempt-· Other Contestants Keep on Trying

FTER the steadily growing | quite good enough, in their opinion, the ever widening territory which their home addresses cover, perhaps the next most gratifying perseverance of many sock singers. whom the Sock Songs editor and the and second prize winners succeeded jury of award are coming to regard on their debuts. as old friends.

The purpose of the contest, of Coun., who wins first honors to-day, course, is to give patriotic knitting an and of I. H. Grubbe of 135 Remsen additional stimulation. Its first and street, Brooklyn, the second prize wingreatest stimulus is the need of the ner. The third prize winner, however, Adele Willis Bolles of 158 West Fourth boys in service. But no work, not street, Elmira, N. Y., was on last even a patriotic work, is ever done week's list of honorable mentions. otherwise with such a will as it is if The sock songs of all three are combined with a certain amount of published elsewhere on this page, and fun. And then, you know, competition is the proverbial life of trade.

We can't very well offer prizes for the best knitted socks and sweaters. But prizes of wool for sock songs seem to be a very fair equivalent. tried his or her hand at writing ones?" poetry one time or another, and has enjoyed the attempt. Any one who hasn't is pretty sure to enjoy it when singing; because some of whom we have not yet felt able even to make honorable mention have been sending

Sock Singers Persevering.

If you happen to be among them- families! ance, with the practice it gives in sock singing, and with a little additional painstaking over the verses week to week, has been rewarded a number of times with prizes; not for itself alone, but for the improvement of the entries, until finally one was good enough to compel our recogni-

For instance, one of the contestants honorably mentioned to-day wrote in as follows:

"The enclosed sock song was entered for the contest of two weeks ago and failed. I have made some changes in it which I am sure are improvements and which I hope may give it a chance of success. If in sending it in its amended form I am guilty of doing something incorrect and inadmissible, please accept my apology. To have lost my weekly chance will be my just and adequate penalty!

As it happened, the jury of award well remembered the original version of this sock song, and had regretted that for the want of just a few more loving touhces they found themselves unable to recommend it for publica-tion. To-day it's published—still not

number of the contestants and for a place among the first three, but easily entitled to mention.

The Week's Winners.

You see, you are "kept track of." proof that the Sock Songs contest is On the other hand, if you are a pros-fulfilling its purpose is the faithful pective new contestant, do not conclude from this that you will be at a disadvantage. Both last week's first

The same thing is true of both Etta Helena Chase of Rocky Hill,

the boxes of wool will be sent to them in due senson.

One contestant, not among the prize winners, makes a number of inquiries, the answers to which are to be found among the printed condi-tions of the contest - except to "Would having won a prize disqualify Almost every one we know of has a contestant from winning future

Not a bit. If the entries were consistently auperior, a contestant might go on winning week after week in-definitely. The best sock song (to he makes it. And we know our con-testants have good times at their sock anything else, provided it meets the conditions. But interest is so keen and competition so sharp that so far nobody has succeeded in in entry after entry as regularly as winning so much as two weeks in succession. A prize winning notion or inspiration doesn't happen every day, not even in the most gifted

> Miss Charlotte F. Kennedy, of honorable mention to-day, sent in "a few little attempts," as she wrote, "just for the fun of trying." (There you are!) She added that her age was 16, for which reason it was an additional pleasure to the Sock Song editor to find one of her "little at-tempts" among those to appear.

> Mrs. Hattle A. Nettleton, also of honorable mention, says her paraphrase of Kipling's, "When earth's lest picture is painted," was "suggested by a recent editorial in THE SUN on the sustaining influence felt by our fighters in thinking of the welcome they will receive back home when they return in triumph.

Honorable Mention for These.

The honorable mentions: Knit, sisters, knit with care.
Knit ye old and knit ye fair.
Knit ye sad and knit ye gay.
Knit hose of khaki and hose of gray.
One pair of socks for a soldier hold.
To keep out the wet, to keep out the cold.
Two pair of socks for two mothers, some Two pair of socks for two mother's sons Means four warm feet for the loved ones, So knit, sisters, knit strong and true, Knit for our boys of the red, white and

MAUDE NOTES. blue, Mauns Norge 1034 Harrison street, Topeka, Kan.

SOCK SONG PRIZE WINNERS IN THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

FIRST PRIZE.

Etta Helena Chase, Rocky Hill, Conn. In her deft hands the skeins of gray change into perfect hose. A circle of New England hills bounds all the world she knows. Yet as she knits she flies to France to fight her country's foes.

> She sees one face in all that land, One flag-red, white and blue A glorious peace, a bentized land Emerging, meets her view. Then her son comes safely home again— God make her day dreams true!

SECOND PRIZE.

I. H. Grubbe, 135 Remsen street, Brooklyn. Not long ago-it seems so near-A little tot was romping here. And tangling up his mother's yarn While she his little socks would darn.

Not long ago-it seems so near-A youthful, healthy lad stood here. Good-by, dear mother, duty calls, With us now justice stands or falls.'
He left, and I am sitting here And knitting socks his heart to cheer.

THIRD PRIZE.

Adele Willis Bolles, 158 West Fourth street, Elmira, N. Y. We're knitting socks at early dawn, We're knitting socks at night. To help the men who face the guns We knit with all our might. For freedom in the balance hangs, The scales are hard to tip.

But there's a way, there'll come a day,

When William's flag will dip.

Conditions of the Sock Song Contest.

Everybody welcome! Open to all patriotic knitters, male or female.

Verses must be not over ten lines long. Write on one side of the paper only, if possible. Prizes will be announced on each Sunday on verses received by THE SUNDAY SUN, 150 Nassau street, not later than Wednesday. After that they will be considered for the following week's competition. Names will not be used, if requested, unless verses win a prize. First prize, \$5 in wool; second prize, \$2 in wool; third prize, \$1

I am only a girl, I cannot answer That call that thrills and awes— I am not old enough to give My life to the great cause. I am only a girl, but I can follow

The never changing laws;
O, I am old enough to give
My work to the great cause CHARLOTTE F. KENNEDT 12 E. Chestnut street, Kingston, N. Y.

In little old Woodbayen. On shady Windom street, little girl is knitting Socks for a soldier's feet.

She knits a prayer in each sock

That when the war is done
She will have helped to build the rock
On which was split the Hun. JANET HATCH. 37 Windom street, Woodhaven, L. I.

When the last knitted sweater is finished and the socks and the helmets are done.

And our hearts are eased by service and we case the weary feet we case the weary feet Haven't you heard the needles clicking the messengers of Liberty from Why, for days on this sweater I've heer betting.

We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it-lie down for a second or two.

That Right may rise out of wrong,

There's a gentler army at home, But their fingers are swift and strong. And they cheerfully knit For the soldier's kit

To help Right rise out of wrong.
Vinginia F. Balland. 230 West Seventy-sixth street.

Knit socks for soldiers here at home, Knit socks for soldiers while they ream; Knit socks for sallors afar on the deep, Knit, pray and sing—but do not weep. DAYE REMINGTON. 723 West 181st street.

A stitch and a prayer and a little care And the sock grows ever longer; The prayer for the boy who is over there, And so our hearts grow stronger.

Return to these shores by grace divine, Covered with glory as others have been By brave deeds done that we might win Freedom for nations oppressed by the

May the boy who wears these socks of

Peace on earth! Thy will be done.

Mrs. Annis von Koch.

419 East 144th street.

Soldier while I here am sitting I compare you to my knitting. Like this stocking, sitch by sutch, You must progress, ditch by ditch; Bayonet like needle thrust, Narrowing only where you must, Till you turn your heel to go To the final goal—the toe. Soldier boy with purpose true May this be permitted you! ANNA I. PARSONS. 313 West Pifty-first street.

Knit five, knit two and turn-O my lad in the trenches of Right, O my lad in the trenches of Right, Where are your thoughts while I sit here and knit? Could it be they are with me to-night?

Knit six, knit two and-what? I've forgotten to narrow, you say? Quite true! But I don't understand— My thoughts must have wandered

KATHERINE PERRIS 29 Merrick avenue, Springfield, Mass.

To a Son in France.

Mrs. W. C. Spicer of 143 Bleecker treet, Gloversville, N. Y., sent in a Sock Song too long for the but surely interesting enough for publication, because it had already performed the Sock Song's highest office, as Mrs. Spicer's letter explains:

"Your contest has inspired me. I have a son in the Marine Corps for whom I have just finished a sweater. Our Fing's unfurled for Freedom in the the message herewith enclosed. While I am sending it to him to-day with sunny land of France!

It's going on to Victory, with ne'er a the set of rhymes is not on socks, nevertheless I thought marks you nevertheless I thought maybe you backward giance.

We would strike a blow for Freedom, but we're not needed in the fight: My husband and another son are now

We are women and it's many a day serving in France, since first we saw the light.

But we're sending socks by millions to the Army and the Fleet.

And here is the "Yours for the Cause, "MARION R. SPICER."

Haven't you heard the needles clicking? our boys in the blue and the khaki
ocean's fairest Gern
have settled their score with the
Hun,
hall rest, and, faith, we shall need
it—lie down for a second or two,

Of the messengers of Inderty from
Ocean's fairest Gern
Nations bound in slavery's chain,
Whose hopes are fixed on them!
Mrs. John H. Patterson.
Selkirk, N. Y.

Then plain and emocth till it reaches your heart,

For semper fidells I know you will be.

A secret I'll tell you. I'd like to go too,
But my spirit goes along with the
sweater to you.

I have cropped up again I may

So wear it, my son, When you fire off your gun, Then I'll feel that I'm helping to pepper

the Hun.
Do all that you do for yourself and one Then I'll know that I'm in it.

With love, From Your Mother.

A Vallant Knitter, She. Here is a twelve line Sock Song from the most valiant and ambitious knitter among the Sock Singers yet heard We have no doubt that the recipients of all her projected pairs of socks will be as pleased to have them as we were to receive the song:

A pair of socks for the Colonel, A pair for the Major too, Two pair for Jimmy that's marching To save the old red, white and blue. Some for the privates and sergeants, No time to waste, I must knit To keep out the mud in the trenches, To keep out the must do my bit.

And six pair for General John Pershing
To wear when he hammers the Boche,
And one more if I can squeeze in the
In my dreams I think and weep.

For our brave Generalissimo Foch. MARGARITA A. HICKEY.

But look 2 bit closer and read, if you can, tioned by the following contestant, The best motto to write over the heart who seems to be on familiar terms who seems to be on familiar terms of a man:
"SEMPER FIDELIS," in blue, don't you with Don Marquis's "Archy," were not quite good enough this week. But

> I have cropped up again I may represent but one of the masses no I am not misquoting hermions no I am not misquoting hermione but you will have to admit that I once "got your sympathy" a bad penny always turns up but it has nothing on a bad versifier you will have to admit that I am as persistent as archie and doubtlessly eventually will land the goods sympathy is warm but wool is the goal of my ambition at present
>
> ROSLYN DI BELLA.

536 West 153d street. p.s. "the children" are attached

Mrs. S. Talbert, "80 years old last April 22," is not only an industrious it may bring pleasure. Did the Penn. patriotic knitter, but an enthusiastic sylvania eulogy of last week hurt Sock Singer as well. Witness her your New York conscience? If so patriotic, knitter, but an enthusiastic Sock Song:

Knitting socks all day long, In my heart a sad but happy song. Thinking of the dear ones in the strife Leaving home and comfort, giving even life.

Oh, the dear ones so brave Who are fighting honor and democracy

475 Hanover street, Manchester, N. H. Knitting, knitting from morn till night your courtesy in giving me a prize

Ridgefield, N. J. Send Thanks for Wool.

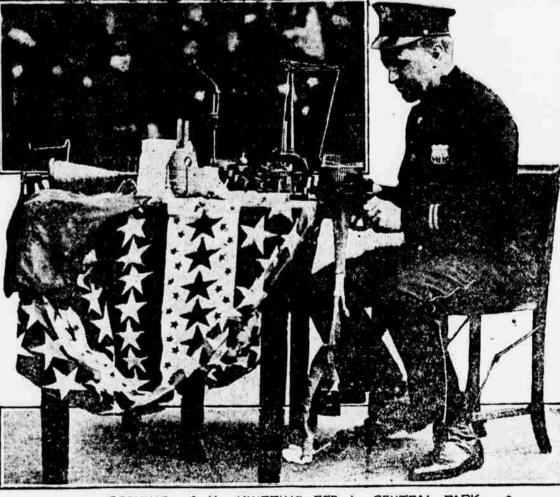
Several prize winners have written our correspondent is urged to crop up to the Sock Songs editor acknowledge and often. The crop of ing the receipt of their prize wool. Mrs. Mary Gibson of 212 Market street, Sunbury, Pa., writes:

"I want to send my thanks for the wool which I received yesterday as the second prize for my Sock Song, I am glad my song was worth the prize and also glad to be able to send the gift to a soldier later on. You are helping a number of us to be more generous than we otherwise Miss Margaret Rice of 19 Lawrence street, Wilkesbarre, Pa., writes:

"I received the box of yarn the afternoon and I am more than pleased with it. I shall certainly try to see that I am not the only one to whom cheer up; I live in Brooklyn during the summer months!

That being the case, Miss Elect should know that it is New England, not New York, which has a conscience-from a Pennsylvanian pon of view.

Miss Margaret R. Brendlinger of Norwalk, Conn., writes of her prize "It is certainly a beautif wool: quality and I appreciate very much



OPENING of the KNITTING BEE in CENTRAL PARK . .

SUMMER

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Frederick A. Snow, Mrs. Robert M. Thompson, Mrs. Howard Townsend, Mrs. Henry G. Trevor, Mrs. Robert Waller and Mrs. Peter B. Wyckoff. Word was received on Tuesday of the wounding of Lieut. Goodhue Livingston, Jr., who is in Battery F of the Second Division of Artillery. Word was received later of his transfer to a base hospital.

Capt. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vance of Fredericksburg, Va.

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ospital, Lieut, G. F. Downey, Jr., has re-

guests during the week Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Percy H. Stewart has taken a Charles A. Lindley and Mrs. John Purroy Mitchel. Mr. and Mrs. W. Rossiter Betts are with Mrs. Frederick H. Betts the Burnett cottage at Water Mills for

White Sulphur Aids Canteen

Mes. Bryce Wing and daughter are at

Lieut. G. F. Downey, Jr., has returned to Washington after visiting Mrs. Pairfax S. Landstreet. Capt. and Mrs. Blarry I. Nicholas have also returned to Washington after spending the week with Mrs. Nicholas's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Snow.

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Mrs. Willard D. Straight had as her Smith Cochran and George F. Baker, Jr.

Mrs. Percy H. Stewart has taken a

several days here in the interest of the Bureau of Child Welfare at Washington,

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Aug.

3.—Entertainments for the benefit of the local canteen service are the order of the day at White Sulphur Springs, where Mrs. Thornton Lewis, the chairman, and a band of enthusiastic workers are making every effort to cheer the soldiers.

Son, Mrs. Sanford Bissell, William Rhine-lander Stewart. Frederick H. Baldwin, Mrs. Edward R. Stettinius, Mrs. William J. Reid, Major Robert Paxton and Mrs. R. Lavante Bigelow were guests. Mrs. Barry-King of New York gave a party Wednesday for several friends. Mrs. Carl Joerissen of Washington had seven tables Tuesday and a large party for tables Tuesday and a large party for 3—Entertainments for the benefit of the former of the day at Walte Suphur Springs.

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COLONIES several weeks with her son, New York to pass the week end with eral expeditions into the mountains to former United States Senator and Mrs.

Till the Master of All Good Workers

shall call us to labors anew.

And those that knit well shall be happy;

They shall sit in an easy chair

And sing like the lark in the morning,
with never a thought or care

But to welcome their loved ones' home-

coming from their victory "Over There."

Mrs. HATTIE A. NETTLETON.
New Milford, Conn.

American-Canadian Entente Strong Among Visitors at Murray Bay the Irving for the summer. Other guests include Mrs. J. Couper Lord, and American-Canadian Entente Strong

AT NARRAGANSETT.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Aug. 3.—August at Narragansett Pier is the most delightful month. The climate is at its best and the long summer twilights and gorgeous sunsets fascinate the lover of outdoor life. In the past week fourlists have literally poured into the Pier. Hetels are now comfortably filled and while sojourners here as elsewhere are devoting a large gent fascinate the lover of 75.

Is also for the benefit of the Red Cross. Among those recently returned for accompanied by Mrs. Kreisler and accompanie

shere for several weeks with her son, Rew York to pass the week end with Mrs. Hiss, who is here for a visit with Mrs. Charles Hudson of East Norwich. Corporation has arrived from Jersey City with Mrs. Smith and Miss Natalie Young Smith, who is one of the most popular members of the pounger sat W. S. S. EKWANOK PRIZES. New York to pass the week end with Mrs. Hiss, who is here for a visit with Mrs. Hiss, who is here for a visit with Mrs. Charles Hudson of East Norwich. Stratton and Bourn pends and has brought back good catches. Red Cross work and work for the American Fund for the French Wounded continues with much enthusiasm. Miss Anita Bliss of New York, chairman of take a three years' training course for nurses. W. S. S. EKWANOK PRIZES. The Harvest for I was a constant and Mrs. James A. O'Gorman, who has been with her parents at one of the Westport Inn fact the mountains to Stratton and Bourn pends and has brought back good catches. Red Cross work and work for the American Fund for the French Wounded continues with much enthusiasm. Miss fact a three years' training course for nurses. Among recent arrivals at Westport Inn Level Continues with much enthusiasm. Miss fact the parents at one of the Westport than her parents at one of the Westport to take a three years' training course for nurses. Among recent arrivals at Westport Inn Level Continues with much enthusiasm. Miss fact a three years' training course for law of the parents at one of the Westport than her parents at one of the Westport than the parents at one of the Westport tha

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